



## NEVADA DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION NEWS RELEASE

### NEVADA KIDS TO BECOME WATER EXPERTS

CARSON CITY—The Nevada Division of Environmental Protection teamed up with Project WET (water education for teachers) International and the Bureau of Reclamation Fallon office to develop a new tool to educate Nevada students about water resources. *Discover the Waters of Nevada* is designed to inform fourth through sixth grade students about water through an exploration of Nevada's ecosystems. The full-color 32-page booklet includes facts, experiments, puzzles and educational activities centered around the theme of Nevada's water resources.

"We hope to engage our eight to 12-year-old audience with the concepts of water conservation and protection," NDEP Project WET Coordinator Mary Kay Riedl said. "If we engage kids at this age they may take a knowledge about healthy ecosystems and water protection practices with them as they enter adulthood. The Nevada Division of Environmental Protection has a long history of working with Project WET and we're excited about providing this resource to Nevada's teachers."

*Discover the Waters of Nevada* addresses state and national education standards in science and other disciplines. Students will explore Nevada's distinct ecosystems, hone their state geography skills, discover the connections between historical events and water, and learn about the importance of water conservation and protection to all water users.

The booklet is one of many water education materials in the KIDs (Kids in Discovery) Series written and published by Project WET International, a non-profit water education organization. The state of Arizona published a similar booklet in July 2005. *Discover the Waters of Nevada* was made possible by a grant from the Bureau of Reclamation Fallon office.

"Nevada's commitment to water education, through support of efforts such as this booklet, is truly admirable. Helping students gain an appreciation for water resources and an awareness of water management issues is the first step towards preparing for the challenges of the future," said Lissa Howe, the project manager for the Project WET International Foundation.

Teachers can order classroom sets of the booklet by visiting the Project WET online store at [www.projectwet.org](http://www.projectwet.org) or by calling toll-free 866-337-5486. For more information about NDEP Project WET activities, visit the NDEP Web site at <http://www.ndep.nv.gov/bwqp/wet01.htm> or contact Mary Kay Riedl at 775-687-9454.

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